Fellowship In Prayer

"For a world united in prayer"

O God, our Father, in our desire to know the truth and apply it to our lives, we realize that others of different races and beliefs are also striving toward this end. May Thy Spirit guide us that together we may achieve the high goal of world brotherhood and peace, according to Thy holy will.

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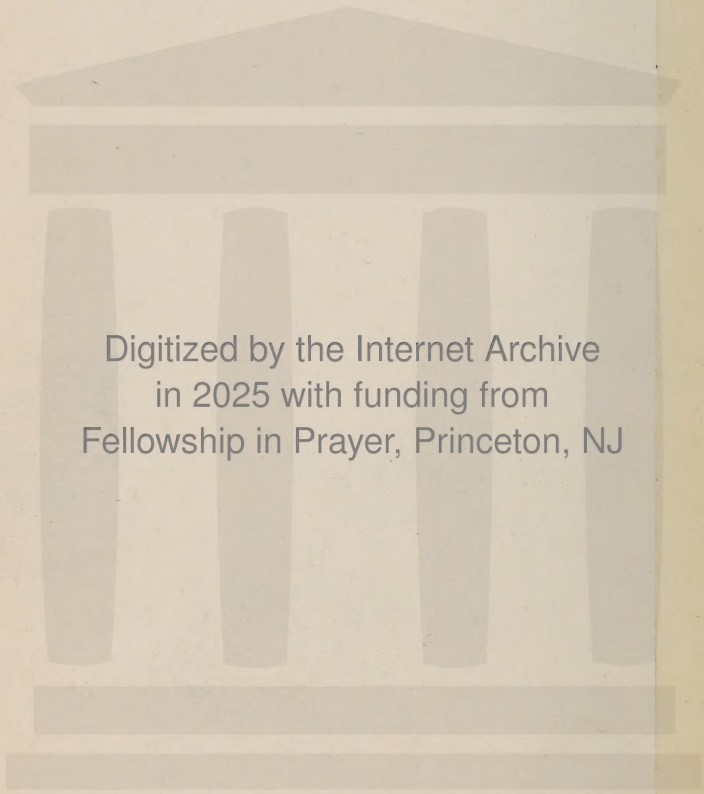

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THE DAWN OF A NEW YEAR

"The old year is dead, the new year is born. Humbly, fearfully, we sink on our knees and slowly, in answer to our prayers, comes back something of the old faith of our childhood, and we rejoice that we are granted one more New Year on which to "begin again"--not in our childish way, with utter disregard of the past, but trustingly, patiently, knowing that we must ever carry with us our past, and rejoicing that, with God's help, we may make the future better because of the past. Then, as we rise from our knees, we look bravely forward to the veiled figure that stands at our threshold; we know nothing what it brings, we know only that it is God's new year. May He bless it to us all!"

Whatever the past year may have meant to you, it is gone. We are now in the dawn of a new year. Let this new year be a living issue, a year of service, a year in which we shall strive to make this world better, and above all, a year of trust in God--and it will be a happy one!

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RETURN TO RELIGION, U. S. PRINCIPLES GIVE HOPE
By Leslie Gould

At the beginning of a new year there are two developments--or rather mass movements--that offer a ray of hope in the present gloom.

These are the revival of religion and Americanism. It is a little late on both counts, but that is the way with humans, particularly the American genus.

The return to the teachings of God and revival of the philosophies of the men who founded this great country are sweeping the nation.

The world has strayed from the religious paths--so much so that an infidel horde out of the East, led by a foul, Godless group in Moscow, is threatening a return to the Dark Ages.

This country not only has strayed from the religious paths but also from the teachings of the men who gave the U. S. a political philosophy that has brought its people the highest living standards anywhere in the world.

It was no accident that the U. S. achieved its place of leadership and industrial might that brought high living standards to American workers and won two world wars.

It came through a belief in God and in Americanism, fostered by a political atmosphere based on individual freedom.

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Tragic events have brought about this long overdue change in public thinking. The public has suddenly awakened to the fact that it has been following a misguided if not false political leadership.

It is learning by bitter experience that Americanism is not isolationism. That it is being for whatever is in the interest of this country, its people and their way of life before anything else. This was the philosophy of Washington and his fellow founders of the Republic. They were not isolationists. They were just plain Americans.

The people who founded this country came here to escape from the interminable wars and enslavement of Europe. They would be turning over in their graves if they could see

what is happening today to the nation they founded.

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The only way the American system, which has proved itself over all others both in war and in peace, can survive is by keeping the U. S. strong in every sense of that word. In its finances. In its military establishments. In its religion. In its belief in the principles on which it was founded.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON'S PRAYER FOR HIS COUNTRY

Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection, that Thou wilt incline the hearts of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government; and to entertain a brotherly affection and love for one another and for their fellow citizens of the United States at large.

And finally that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and without a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can never hope to be a happy nation.

Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

In the Memorial Chapel at Valley Forge there hangs a beautifully illuminated copy of George Washington's prayer for his country.

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The week of February 18-25 is being observed as Brotherhood Week around the world. This is a step toward a spiritual regeneration.

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THE NEW DAY

By Grenville Kleiser

There is something sublime about the beginning of a new day. Possibly the previous night has been filled with dark misgivings, disappointments, and oppressive fears. But the fresh beginning of a new day, with its beautiful light and promise of unexplored possibilities, should gladden the heart and inspire the soul.

Look upward at the beginning of the day. This simple act will elevate your mind and impel you to go forth with new confidence and power. A day is well lived in which you have put a fine resolution into practise, achieved a definite purpose, done some worthy act of kindness, or rendered a noble service to others. True service is not limited to time nor place.

Today is the day to do something fine and noble.

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Place special emphasis upon the quality of your work. When the chief aim of your daily life is to produce intrinsically the best, and not merely the outwardly attractive, you can then afford to disregard the approval and praise of men. The inner consciousness of work worthily attempted and well done is its own reward. Let your thought be of quality, not quantity. To do good work you must be interested in it, and to be interested in it you must like it.

All the master-builders have been earnest, intense, conscientious workers. You can be one of the great men of the world, in the degree that you put quality into your daily work, seeking always for results rather than approbation. Your opportunities are unlimited.

It is really quite wonderful how even little daily victories over inertia, weakness, uncertainty, and depression contribute ultimately to a successful life. The practise of rising above petty discouragements and seeming obstacles soon develops a habit of self-confidence equal to any undertaking. Work was never intended to be drudgery, but a source of pleasure and a stimulus to worthy achievement.

Life is not a treadmill, a jail, or a place of punishment; but a beautiful and fascinating field of endeavor and enterprise, with inspiring horizons of newer and greater fields beckoning ever onward. Work, opportunity, effort, and service are blessings to enrich life and make it truly worth living. Blessed is the man who does his work joyously.

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Put into actual practise now the splendid things you confidently expect to do at some future time, and your life will be wonderfully transformed. Thousands of people have made the serious mistake of thinking that at a more favorable time, or under other circumstances, they would radically change their habits, plans, methods, aims, and ideals.

The only real assurance of your sincere desire to elevate your life is your willingness to initiate some of the desired changes now. This is the only intelligent course for you if you are to make sure and definite progress. Many a deferred resolution ends in nothing. What you think you will do some other time may never come to pass, but what you accomplish today is a substantial certainty.

Rebuke in yourself every weakness and shortcoming. Be diligent in your desire for the best in life. Daily commit to memory some great thought that it may quicken and ennoble you. Be ready and willing to part with your faults. Have the courage to be simple and sincere in all your thoughts and acts. The only thing higher than the wish to serve is to render service. It is in the common incidents of your daily life that you reveal your true character.

Good is always available to you. This inexhaustible power is at your command at any moment and in every emergency. Claim your great heritage today. The best is yours, and God cooperates with you if you but diligently seek Him. You are of God, and so should you walk.

A new day and a new year are before you, creating a new beginning for greater accomplishments and more satisfying progress.

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HOW TO MAKE PRAYER WORK
(The Prayer of Accord)
By Roy Wallace Thomas

Prayer is a way of solving great problems. The major problem of prayer is the crucial problem of man--how to make a right use of knowledge and of power so as to create a world of justice and plenty and to prevent the terrible waste of war. The requirement is wisdom and power greater than the power of evil. How may prayer meet this requirement? First, man must know God's will. Second, he must find power adequate for doing that will. True prayer is full accord with God, the source of all knowledge and all power. The prayer of accord does not tell God what to do but effects the attitudes that learn and receive from God.

The condition for guidance is the will to learn. Since God works through processes, knowledge can come only by the learning process. In giving guidance God does not work independently of our mind. Rather, surrender to His spirit quickens our creative faculty and enables us to work with Him in reaching understanding. When guidance comes instantly in prayerful meditation, the impressions and mental associations of previous research and observation form the materials of creative thought. More often there is a time element in prayerful guidance, for the given problem may require new research and study, all of which is prayer when sincere and humble.

In the prayer of accord, the will to learn is blended with the will to do. Vital knowledge is of little worth when contemplated with folded hands. Life is action, and it is not enough merely to know. Each man needs strength to do what ought to be done. Adequate strength comes through the process of adjustment. On the physical level life is adjustment to the environment. On the spiritual level life is adjustment to the total environment. Since the physical cannot explain the spiritual, we must affirm what William James called the Something More. Beyond organic and inorganic chemistry is God. In order to indicate

the superior force in the universe that creates and sustains the life of the spirit, all religions find it necessary to use the convenient term "God."

The religious term for vital adjustment to that Something More is "faith." Greater than the physical energy released from the nucleus of the atom is the spiritual energy available from the heart of God through faith. The prayer of faith is the prayer of completed accord with the living God who is Lovingkindness. Love is highest power. Lovingkindness is the greatest power in the universe. God as lovingkindness is always available to the man who is willing to learn and to do. This lovingkindness is expressed in life as "truth, honesty, justice, mercy," the four great words so splendidly highlighted by FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER in its large display advertisement in "The New York Times" of December 12, 1949.

The prayer of accord is not magic. As cooperation with the Something More it is the higher mysticism. True faith does not find it necessary to beg of God in the primitive formula of magic. Jesus never cried out, "We beseech Thee," for He knew that God is good and knows our needs before we ask. "Magic," wrote Willard L. Sperry, "is the attempt to get God to do our will; mysticism is our endeavor to do God's will." Prayer as communion hears God's will. As commitment, prayer receives in God's friendship the energy for overcoming evil.

The prayer of faith is personal. Personal religion is fitness for the social task. Our cardinal social task is the elimination of war by removing the causes of war. The causes of war can be removed by the social incarnation of justice, mercy and integrity, and in no other way. Basic to social renewal is the prayer of full accord with God on the part of every individual and of every group. Great power comes to the man who prays in faith. The maximum of power comes to the group which prays in the spirit of accord as the followers of Jesus prayed together in the upper room after His final departure.

It is a great thing to talk to God. It is far greater to listen to Him and discover His will, and then, having

received His guidance, to join our weak wills to His strong will for strength to do that will. Prayer is what we do in our hearts to receive guidance and help from God.

A young man, reared in the belief that prayer is merely asking for things, declared stoutly, "I don't pray because I can get what I want without prayer." You can get the little things without prayer, such as position, money, automobiles, but not the great things. A man must pray in order to live life on the high levels and be a complete person. That is why Jesus prayed. When we face temptation, fear, frustration, sorrow, and when the cruel forces of greed, injustice and hate compel us to struggle in our gethsemane or suffer on our calvary, we will fail if we do not pray.

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WASHINGTON and LINCOLN

"Next to Washington, Lincoln stands forth as the grandest patriot in our American life. Washington was the "Father of his Country"; Lincoln was her most loyal son. Washington brought the United States of America into being; Lincoln made that being immortal; Washington unfurled a new flag among the nations of the world; Lincoln made that flag a mighty power among those nations. Dead, they yet speak. The good they did will last through time and on through eternity. And so our Nation has most rightly and fittingly made the birthdays of these, her illustrious sons, legal holidays, to inspire us to a purer, nobler, holier manhood. --George H. Smythe, Jr."

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Before us is a future all unknown
A path untrod.
Beside us is a friend well loved and known
That friend is God.

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BUDDHISM

The following two pages are devoted tc Buddhism, it being the purpose of Fellowship in Prayer to present a brief statement, from time to time, on each of the principal world religions. The writer of the article, Dr. Kenneth Ch'en, is a highly educated American citizen, having been born in the Hawaiian Islands of Chinese parents. His final post-graduate work was in preparation for supervisory duties in Chinese Cultural Studies among the Christian Colleges in China, sponsored by the Harvard-Yenching Institute of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Such supervision is not now possible in China and Dr. Ch'en is now connected with the Department of Far Eastern Languages of Harvard University and is giving courses on the history of Buddhism in the Orient.

One might well include "the world" as out of the estimated 350 million Buddhists in the world, 70 thousand are in the United States of America. The majority are in China, Japan, Ceylon, India and Indo-China, while Burma, Korea, Tibet, Siberia and Siam claim large numbers.

Probably the greatest influence upon Buddhism was when the monarch of India, Emperor Asoka ascended the Indian throne in 272 B. C. He made vast conquests, but becoming conscience-stricken by the ravages of war and famine, he vowed to cease bloodshed and espoused Buddhism in 240 B. C. Thereafter his reign became beneficial and he urged other rulers and officials to cease conquests thru fighting and to be gracious and kind to their subjects. His utterances, at that time, were relatively equal to those of philosophers of modern times and his many edicts include one on the "Beliefs and Practices of Others" wherein he proclaims that all religions aim to agree upon fundamental essentials. As a matter of fact, Asoka's devotion to Buddhism finds a ready parallel to the experience of Constantine the Great when he rescued Christianity from its low estate in the fourth century.

Fellowship in Prayer is indeed grateful to Dr. Ch'en for the following illuminating statement on Buddhism.

B U D D H I S M

By Dr. Kenneth Ch'en

About five hundred years before Christ, about the time of Confucius in China and Zoroaster in Persia, there was born in India a boy of noble birth, son of the king of a small state. He was given the name Siddhartha, meaning one who has accomplished his task, and he belonged to the Sakya clan. He grew up in accordance with the customs of his caste, received an education befitting his position of prince, married, and soon begot a son. Life during his early years was, therefore, one of comfort and luxury. However, Siddhartha was a sensitive youth, and he began to brood over the meaning of his life and his comfortable manner of living. Out of his brooding arose a disgust for the kind of life he was living, and for the eternal cycle of rebirths that stretched out before him, and so one night, while he was 29, he fled from his palace into the forest, abandoning his wife, son, palace life, and future kingship. For 6 years he practiced austerities and meditation in the forest in his attempt to gain deliverance from the circle of transmigration. At 35 he achieved his goal of emancipation; henceforth he became known as the Buddha, the Enlightened One, or as Sakyamuni, the sage of the Sakya clan. For the next 45 years he wandered up and down the Gangetic Valley preaching his dhamma or law to the high and low, to the men and women who listened to him. The end came to him in a little obscure town.

Such is the simple story of the life of Buddha; it is a story which can be duplicated for many other sensitive Indian princes. What makes the Buddha different from the rest, however, is the impact and influence which he has played on the peoples of Asia, for anyone who has visited the Orient could not but become aware of the temples, monasteries, monastic community, iconography, and literature of the Buddhist faith. This man, who left no written record of his own, has had his words learned, studied, en-

graved, and printed in the numerous dead and living languages of Asia. This man, who could have become a cakravartin, or universal monarch on earth, instead abandoned his earthly glories to become the spiritual leader of countless millions of Asians throughout the centuries.

To his followers, the Buddha offered a way of deliverance from the miseries and sufferings of repeated rebirths, for fame, glory and material rewards. They arose out of our attachment to our ego, or self, which was in reality only transitory and evanescent. To attain this deliverance from suffering, one had to get rid of all these desires that center on this non-existing ego or self. Such an extirpation of desires would lead to an exhaustion of karma, and this would in turn put an end to repeated rebirths.

This quest for emancipation could be assisted by compassion to all living creatures in the world, insects, animals, as well as human beings. In the eyes of the Buddha, every living being has within it the possibility of enlightenment, hence it must be treated with the same consideration as any human being. Toward all forms of life, there should be no killing. His fellow clansmen followed this teaching to the letter for, according to tradition, they were wiped out later because they refused to bear arms to defend themselves against their enemies. Toward human beings, friend or foe, no hatred or malice should be harbored. When Kunala, the son of King Asoka, had his beautiful eyes taken out by his jealous stepmother, he still asked his father to forgive her. Toward other faiths he preached tolerance. No criticism or disparagement was sanctioned by the Buddha. Toward those who grieved over lost ones, he opened their eyes to the universality of suffering. The story is told of the woman Gotami who had lost a son and who came to beseech the Buddha to revive him to life. The Buddha sent her to the town to get a mustard seed from any house where no one had died. Gotami returned without the mustard seed and learned the truth--"it is the law that all things that

live should pass away."

Even now, as we read his teachings, and look at his image, his personality stands out as the field of all humanity, the model of calm majesty and compassion, the complete man without any prejudice. Since his nirvana, his followers have tried to perpetuate the memory of the great-soul-one, and have remembered his last commands, "Fare ye forth, oh brethren, for the good of the many, for the welfare of many....Preach the doctrine that is glorious in the beginning, middle and end, in the spirit and in the letter. Proclaim a life of holiness, compassionate and pure." Of the numerous followers who have followed his command, let us take just one example. Purna after his conversion desired to return to his native country to preach the Master's teachings there. The Buddha warned him that his people were wild, cruel, and uncouth; that they would revile, insult, and slander him while he was preaching. Purna answered that if such happened, he would be thankful they did not beat him with sticks and stones. But what if they should beat him with sticks and stones, asked the Buddha? In that case, Purna replied, he would be thankful they did not cut him with knives and swords. If they did use knives and swords, then he would be thankful they did not kill him. But what if they did kill him, pressed the Buddha. Then Purna replied, "This body is but a bundle of impurities and afflictions, carried forward by Karma. If they do kill me, I shall be thankful to them for dissociating my life from this bag of defilements and bondage."

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"Let us impart all the blessings we possess, or ask for ourselves, to the whole family of mankind."

—George Washington.

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MRS. FRANCES R. RIDEOUT

We record with deep sorrow the sudden death on December 20th of Mrs. Frances R. Rideout of San Anselmo, Calif.

Mrs. Rideout's letter of December 16, 1949, in answer to The New York Times article, was one of the most succinct, yet comprehensive, which we received. She caught the vision and quickly grasped the potential power of united prayer. Then she acted! While handicapped by deafness, and under health restrictions, she worked courageously and persistently to establish a Fellowship in Prayer group in Marin County, and she succeeded. She wrote the address, "Word From Across The Land" which appeared in the Summer issue of FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER. Therein she testified, "In humility and thankfulness, we here acknowledge the quickened sense of the spiritual value of prayer, which it has brought into our lives." (The praying together of peoples of different faiths).

It may well be said that if every county in America produced a person as deeply interested in Fellowship in Prayer, and with the courage, faith and determination to carry on as possessed by Frances Rideout, there would now be a spiritual regeneration sweeping our land - yes, the world - with invincible force.

On December 14, 1950, Mrs. Rideout wrote:

"While we have fallen far short of all we hoped to do, in other ways we have been so sustained and guided, and so much blessed in our Fellowship in Prayer, that I feel the past year has been one of great reward. Personally, I am deeply grateful to you for the idea and the help you have given. May we all have courage to go on in 1951, with the same high hopes and high aims!"

The testimony of this consecrated life is that great things for God can be accomplished in spite of handicaps.

The challenge of this glorified life is to those who remain to carry on her work; that the "high aims" be maintained; and that other groups throughout the world will work with renewed vigor.

We glory in having known Mrs. Rideout. We grieve her loss.

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H E A V E N L Y M U S I C

(A Free Translation with Apologies to LEANDER)

-by-

Martin Birnbaum

During a great siege, while shells were spreading death and sorrow everywhere, an army surgeon sought shelter from the driving rain, under the roof of a partly ruined mansion. He had gone to the front not to kill, but to heal and save the wounded, and he sat down before the blazing hearth to enjoy a few moments of well earned rest, waiting in vain for the thunder of the wicked cannonading to die away and the ruthless carnage to end. He would have preferred to be remembered as one who loved children and dreams, and his heart was filled with longing for his distant home. While the logs crackled and the sparks flew up the old chimney, he fell asleep, dreaming that he was surrounded by his little ones to whom he told the following story.

When the Golden Age still flourished and angels played with children on heaps of sand, the gates of Heaven stood wide open, and shafts of heavenly light fell on the earth below. Men looked up straight into the open heavens. They saw the blessed saints promenading among the stars above, and hailed them, and the saints in turn greeted the people below. Of all things however, the most enchanting, was the glorious music which in those days was heard descending from Heaven. Our Lord had written every note Himself, and a thousand angels executed it with viols, cymbals and trumpets. As soon as the performance began, the whole world became absolutely quiet. The winds ceased to murmur, the waters in the sea and in every stream stood still. As they listened, men could only nod their deep appreciation or clasp their hands in ecstasy, and such a wondrous spirit stole into their hearts, that in sad times like these, one can no longer even describe their happy feelings to suffering humanity.

So it once was,--but it did not last long. One day our Lord closed the gates of Heaven, as a punishment to mankind,

and said to the angels, "Let your music sound no more, for I am sad." The angels were grief-stricken. Each one sat with his notes on the edge of a cloud and with little golden shears cut up the sheets into many small pieces which dropped down upon the earth. The wind seized them and they drifted like snowflakes over the hills and dales and were scattered throughout the wide world. The children of men, filled with remorse, rushed about frantically to snatch up these pieces, many of which were lost. One secured a large, the other a small scrap, and they treasured these with care, and valued every fragment highly, for each one was after all a note or bar of the true heavenly music, which once sounded so wonderfully.

In the course of time however, the lucky owners began to quarrel among themselves and take sides,--each man believing that he had picked up the best morsel,--and finally, everyone claimed that only what he possessed was authentic heavenly music, and whatever others owned was forgery and imitation. Those who were very shrewd indeed,--and their number was legion,--made a great flourish at the beginning and end of their very thin manuscripts, and persuaded themselves of all manner of remarkable things. One blew in A, the other sang in B. One played in minor, the other in major. No man could or would understand his neighbor. They battled and killed one another. In short, bedlam and hatred were let loose, and that is the situation now.

On Judgment Day however, when the bright stars will rain upon the earth, and the sun will sink into the sea, men will again crowd around the gates of Heaven, like children, who press at the door of the room which hides a Christmas tree from their sight. Our Lord will order all the pages of His old notebooks to be collected again,--the large pieces as well as the small ones, to the very tiniest fragments on which only a single genuine note had been written. The angels will then fit them all together and the gates will spring open, and the heavenly music will again resound, as beautiful as ever before.
And the children of men will stand surprised and abashed,

listening with awe and whispering one to the other: "That was your fragment, and that other was mine,--but how marvelous and how different it all sounds, now that everything is in its right place and in perfect harmony."

Yes, indeed! You may rely upon it. Thus it will some day be, and let us pray that it will happen in our time.

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OUR FEBRUARY PRAYER

O God, our Father, we praise Thee for the noble example set by our forefathers, especially those leaders of spiritual insight and wisdom whose births we celebrate. May the knowledge of what they did for our country inspire others to give their talents for the salvation of mankind. Instill within each of us a deep longing for righteousness,- truth, honesty, justice and mercy, among all men until we attain true humility and meekness.

We will then be in tune with Thy spirit of love and clasping hands with brother man will become a part of the great chain of fellowship encircling the world.

Use us as instruments of Thy will in eradicating bigotry, prejudice, pride, intolerance from among Thy followers, be it in America or Africa, Singapore or Sweden, China or Canada; be it among people, prelates or principalities.

Guide us in sowing the seed far and wide that without personal regeneration there can be no righteous international understanding.

Hasten the day when religions the world around will see in Thee the sole salvation of mankind--for in Thee, and Thee alone, can Thy Kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

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"I remembered that I only lived at those times when I believed in God. He is that without which one cannot live."

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A C K N O W L E D G M E N T S

We give grateful thanks to the following who, by special permission or personal contribution, have made possible the high character of this first issue of FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER for 1951:-

Mr. Leslie Gould, Financial Columnist for the Journal-American, has graciously permitted the re-print of the article which appears on page 2 of this issue.

Again we are indebted to our friend, Mr. Grenville Kleiser, for his article "The New Day." With his characteristic clarity and forcefulness, Mr. Kleiser challenges us all to a higher plane of living.

Rev. Roy Wallace Thomas has honored us with an especially written article on "How to Make Prayer Work." He has also provided us with other written material which will appear elsewhere. Due to family illness, Rev. Thomas sought release from his long pastorate at the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Denver, Colorado and is now in a position to devote more time to writing. His book, "We Pray Thee Lord" is a classic in the field of intercession.

Fellowship in Prayer is likewise deeply indebted to Mr. Martin Birnbaum for "Heavenly Music"--a befitting vision to appear in this issue with the, One God - One World, cover design.

We appreciate word from Dr. William Pierson Merrill advising us the author of "One Solitary Life" which appeared in the December number of FELLOWSHIP IN PRAYER. This masterpiece was written by Dr. Phillips Brooks.

Fellowship in Prayer is truly grateful to the above and all others who are so graciously devoting much time and effort to this great cause.

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OUR COVER DESIGN

The cover design of this issue is by Helen Dudley Young of Colorado. At this crucial time in world affairs, it reminds us of the TRUTH that men of all nations--races and creeds--are unified in one common act - prayer - and in that moment of individual oneness with God, all humanity experiences the TRUE "Fellowship in Prayer." We are deeply grateful to Helen Dudley Young.

A NEW PORTRAIT OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

It is appropriate to mention, in this issue, the portrait of Abraham Lincoln by Helen Dudley Young. It has been referred to as "a work bearing the unmistakable touch of the living spirit. The soul of the artist has touched the soul of the subject and has successfully communicated something of that contact in this superbly executed likeness of the Great Emancipator."

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F O R O T H E R S

Lord help me live from day to day
In such a self forgetful way
That even when I kneel to pray,
My prayer might be,
For Others.

Help me in all the things I do
To ever be sincere and true
And know that all I do for YOU,
I needs must do,
For Others.

Help me that I may well discern
How best to use that which I earn,
Remembering, if I would better live
I must not hold but give,
For Others.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST

A detailed plan for Protestant Unity, designed to unite nine denominations was made public in Cincinnati on January 23 at a two-day conference on church union. The form of government embodied features of the Congregational, Episcopalian and Presbyterian systems which did not appeal to delegates. One significant utterance was in the preamble which stated: "Today, Christians confront a world situation which demands that the churches shall make common cause," and that now "denominational differences appear inconsequential." How true! The plan was referred back to a committee for study and revision.

On January 11, the Vatican forbade the clergy to be members of the Rotary Club organization and warned laymen to be on their guard against it. This edict does not apply to Rotary in the U.S.A. but to only some countries abroad and a few in South America. It is because of subversive influences in some clubs in these areas.

The magazine LIFE recently publicized the religion of Bahai which has 6000 members in the USA with adherents in 78 countries. It aims to consolidate nine of the world faiths and has a 2.5 million dollar nine-sided temple in Wilmette, Ill. Nine appears to be a mystical figure and governs many activities. Many conscientious people will join this movement but any organic union of faiths is a long way off, considering human nature as it now exists.

The Jewish Theological Seminary of America has established an Institute for Research in Rabbinics made possible by a gift from Louis M. Rabinowitz. It is to publish accurate texts based on all the available ancient rabbinic works. Photographs were made of original manuscripts in various libraries and the editing will be done by a commission at a cost not exceeding $300,000. It will be about ten years before the final publications appear.

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NOTICES

The decision has been reached that these publications be issued bi-monthly in practically the present form with constant effort toward improvement. The months for subsequent issues will be April, June, September, November and December. Due to unavoidable circumstances, we regret this issue has been delayed three weeks.

Many friends have requested Fellowship in Prayer greeting cards. The pre-Christmas season was too crowded to handle such a new venture.
Easter, however, with its universal significance of immortality presented a testing opportunity and a beautiful prayer, written by Roy Wallace Thomas, has been illuminated in four colors and is available at $1.00 per dozen including envelopes. Many advance orders have been received, but some are still available to those who act promptly.

"Fellowship in Prayer" is mailed to all contributors but, upon request, a copy will be sent to any interested person. Additional copies, in a limited quantity, will be furnished at 5¢ per copy.
All - who believe in God - are cordially invited to join Fellowship in Prayer. All are encouraged to send names of others whom it is thought might wish to share in this work.

At the Annual Meeting of the Trustees of Fellowship in Prayer, held on February 7th, the following officers were re-elected for the present year:

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In loving tribute to Mrs. Frances R. Rideout, we share with you the last prayer received from her:

A PRAYER FOR ALL PEOPLE

O God, our Father, father of each one who dwells upon this earth, grant to us, Thy bewildered children who have strayed from Thee, a full realization of what Thy love might mean. Clear the mists of mutual suspicion from our minds, and fill us with trust in Thee. Draw us closer to one another and to Thy spirit in the bonds of prayer. Give to us the power and the wisdom to learn how we may work and live as in one world, and the deep assurance that, through Thee, this can be done. Help each one to become a channel through which Thy love may pour into this confused and troubled world to bring all people's hearts into Thy peace. Amen.

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